

17/09/2021

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the all the children have been learning about the situation in Afghanistan and especially the situation for women and girls, now that the Taliban has taken over. The children have learnt about refugees and then completed a whole school writing activity on this topic. Ask your child what they have learnt....

We also celebrated World Afro Day. This is a global day of 'change, education and celebration of natural hairstyles amongst black and mixed-race men and women '. See the link here for a book to read to your child about this:

Finally, last night year 6 parents and pupils attended a primary-secondary transition meeting. We were all inspired by talks from our fantastic local secondary school's: Beacon High, COLAHH, AMSI, Highbury Fields and St. Aloysius. Children grow up so quickly and it is a privilege to work in school and watch them grow.

Remember it is meet the teacher next week. See below for details.

Have a lovely weekend!

Helen

Extended Day

Dear parents and carers, please remember Duncombe offers wrap around care from 7am until 6pm, Monday to Friday. Breakfast club is available at just £1.50 per session and after school activities starting from just £2!

Please see attached this half terms timetable for more information or call the school office and ask for Rianne or Monique

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 21st September – Individual pupil photos will be taken.

Monday 13th – Friday 24th September – Year 4 will attend swimming lessons

Autumn Half Term – 25th October – 29th October 2021



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson 85%	Isaac Newton 95%
Eric Carle 90%	Michael Faraday 97%
Judith Kerr 91%	William Shakespeare 93%
Tony Ross 83%	Charlotte Bronte 93%
Earnest Shackleton 98%	Martin Luther King 94%
Francis Drake 90%	Emmeline Pankhurst 93%
Florence Nightingale 90%	Nelson Mandela 98%
Marie Curie 92%	Winston Churchill 89%

The whole school's attendance is 93.6%



Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2-year olds: Ayaz

Ayaz has been working really hard at home and has come back into little nursery being able to go to the toilet on his own.

You super star. We are so proud of you Ayaz.

Eric Carle Nursery: Adrian

Adrian settled into our nursery very well following the nursery routines and playing constructively at different areas. Whilst drawing snakes he used the mathematical language to describe their sizes eg "Daddy is longer. Mummy is longer too." Well done, Adrian! You are a little star!

Tony Ross: Harry

Harry has settled so well into reception! He is always ready to learn and displays independence when tidying up the classroom. Harry, you are a star!

Judith Kerr Reception: Kumsal

You have set a great example to your friends, sitting beautifully and being polite and kind. Thank you Kumsal!

Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Kerim

Kerim has been setting an amazing example to the class. He is always ready to learn, and is extremely respectful to all his friends and the teachers.

Francis Drake Year 1: Michael

Michael has shown that he is ready for Year 1 by being enthusiastic and respectful. Michael is a kind and caring member of the class. Well done - keep it up!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Trina

Trina displays fantastic behaviour for learning- she is always willing to contribute to class discussion, she always listens to the teacher's instructions and shows great independence in her class work. Well done Trina, keep up the hard work!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Sila

Sila has worked tremendously hard in school this week. She has shown independence and perseverance when completing her learning tasks.

Winston Churchill Year 6: Shian

Shian has shown great enthusiasm in all her learning. She is always focused and showing active listening - then often makes links to what she knows to make excellent and interesting contributions or to ask questions. She is showing all the skills to become a great learner - well done!

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Ethan I

Ethan shows great maturity by taking responsibility for his learning. He records his daily reading promise and then reflects upon what he has read, showing excellent understanding. He is also respectful and demonstrates impeccable manners at all times.

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Hira

Hira has worked independently in maths and I am so proud of her. Even though she found it tricky in the beginning she persevered and got there in the end! Excellent work Hira!

Marie Curie Year 2: Amirah

Amirah always has a smile on her face and she has been a very enthusiastic learner this week! She has been asking interesting questions and offering her opinion in full sentences. Keep up the hard work, Amirah!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Lisa

For always being ready to learn and always being safe in the classroom and around the school. Lisa has been completing her work and supporting others with their work. Thank you for all your hard work and fantastic effort. Well done. You are a super star!

Michael Faraday Year 3: Aakif

Aakif has shown great ambition and perseverance in Maths and English this week. He always tries his very hardest and has a very positive attitude to his learning! Well done Aakif

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Yonatan

For showing respect to everyone. Yonatan - you are a star!

Fantastic Work

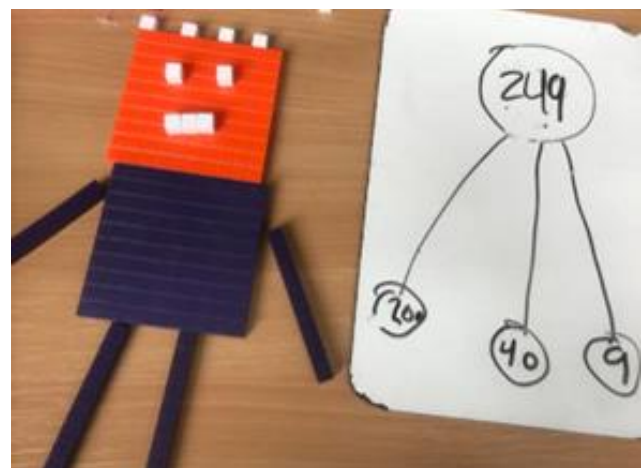
Year 5

Year 5 really enjoyed creating self-portraits using oil pastels.



Year 4

In year four, we are partitioning and representing numbers in different ways, using dienes and a place value grid



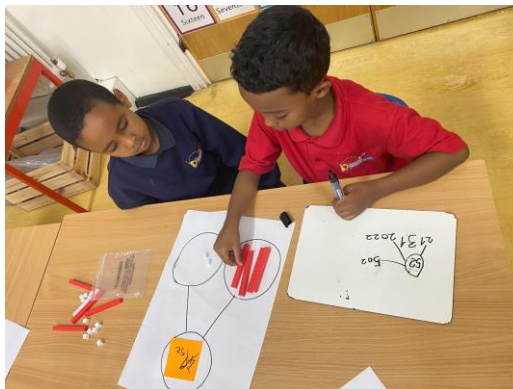
Year 3

This week, Year 3 became geologists and investigated different types of rocks. Shucayb in particular really enjoyed himself!



Year 2

In Year 2, we have been partitioning 2-digit numbers in lots of different ways. The children have worked very hard!



Year 1

The Cat in the Hat has visited Duncombe! He came to Year 1 and messed up the classrooms. The children are on a mission to find the Cat by creating a wanted poster. Look out for him!



Reception

This week in reception we have been reading the story "Owl Babies". During Literacy we acted out the story in small groups and we also did some 'Owl Babies' activities.



Nursery

This week in nursery we have been making our self-portraits using paper, pompous, wool, glue, pipe cleaners. Children looked at the mirror and chose materials to make artworks that resemble themselves. We have been learning about our body parts and what we can do with them through discussions, poems and by actions.



2 Year Olds

Little Nursery has been very busy getting to know our new friends and our new nursery. They have been settling in well.



Meet the Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Now that many restrictions have been lifted, we are excited that we can once again have more events with parents in school. We would like to start with 'meet the teacher' sessions next week so you can meet the staff working with your child and ask any questions you may have. In line with government guidance and our own risk assessment, we request that all parents and staff wear masks for the safety of everyone. Please see below for the date, time and venue of these sessions. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you,

Katija Ali
Assistant Head

Year 1	Top Hall	Monday 20 th September 3:30pm-4:00pm
Year 2	Top Hall	Wednesday 22 nd September 3:30pm-4:00pm
Year 3	Isaac Newton Classroom	Thursday 23 rd September 3:30pm-4:00pm
Year 4	William Shakespeare Classroom	Friday 24 th September 3:30pm-4:00pm
Year 5	Top Hall	Friday 24 th September 3:30pm-4:00pm
Year 6	Top Hall	Thursday 23 rd September 3:30pm-4:00pm

Parent Messages

Nut Free School

Duncombe is a Nut-Free school.

This policy serves to set out all measures to reduce the risk to those children and adults who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts to which they are sensitive. The school also aims to protect children who have allergies to nuts to take responsibility as to what foods they can eat and to be aware of where they may be put at risk. We do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes. The types of food that are NOT to be bought into school are; **peanut butter sandwiches, packs of nuts, cereal/fruit bars that contain nuts, cakes made with nuts, sesame seed rolls, chocolate bars/sweets that contain nuts.**

Changes to medical procedures

The school has introduced a short-term medical form. This is to be used for children that need short term medication like antibiotics. Should your child need this in the future please come to the office and fill in the form. A TA from the class will come to meet you and go through what medication needs to be given and the dosage. This form must be signed by the member of staff administering the medication and you, the parent.

This form is not to be used for non-prescription medication like paracetamol and Ibuprofen.

When you bring any medication into school it must have your child's full name printed on a label from the GP or staff will not be able to administer it

World Afro Day

"World Afro Day is a global day of change, education and celebration of Afro hair". At Duncombe we celebrated this day holding an assembly to all the key stage levels, to encourage the children to embrace their individualities and be proud of their hair. We came across an eye-opening, creative book that the children loved during this week's assembly.

"Big Hair Don't Care"

Parent coffee mornings

We are happy to announce that coffee morning will be starting up again. These will be **held every Friday morning from 9-10am in the bottom hall**. Please see the timetable below for different sessions that will be taking place this half term.

September 17th	Welcome back coffee morning
September 24th	How we teach reading
October 1st	Online Safety for parents
October 8th	Drop in coffee morning
October 15th	Mastering Times Tables and how we teach maths
October 22nd	Things to do in the half term